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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

DOCKET NO. 10677/31	APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/646,626	EXAMINER Shawn M. Becker	ART UNIT 2173
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Date: July 14, 2004

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This is a **Request for Continued Examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. **09/646,626**, filed on **September 20, 2000**, entitled **OPERATOR BUTTONS AS ACTIVE BUTTONS**.

The following constitute the submission **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is attached:

- ☒ **Amendment** (previously filed on April 26, 2004).
☐ **Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449**
☐ **Drawing Changes**
☐ **Other Submission:** _____

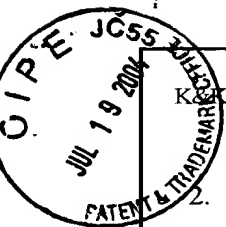
1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$) PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	11	20	20	0		0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	3	4	0		0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						
				*Number extra must be zero or larger	TOTAL	770.00
If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.						SMALL ENTITY TOTAL 0.00

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2. Please charge the required RCE and submission filing fee of \$ 770.00 to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2004 for which a response period expiring on April 14, 2004 was set. (Applicant filed and paid a one-month extension of time on April 26, 2004 in order to extend the time for response to May 14, 2004). The extended period for this submission expires on July 14, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of \$ 340.00 to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees, including any additional fees required, associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. A duplicate of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Dated: July 14, 2004

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